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DEQ announces the Recovery Act Funding of the Louisiana Clean Diesel Grant Program

BATON ROUGE –The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is soliciting project proposals for the Recovery Act Funding of the Louisiana Clean Diesel Grant Program. Proposal submittal information and copies of the Solicitation Agreement are available under the Stimulus Package tab at www.deq.louisiana.gov. All project proposals must be received before 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2009.

Under the program, eligible agencies or organizations may receive full or partial awards to fund EPA-certified technologies that reduce diesel emissions from existing diesel engines and non-road equipment. The funding will be used toward the purchase and installation of EPA-verified exhaust control equipment (retrofits), idle reduction equipment, engine replacement (repowering) and/or fleet replacement. Examples of eligible Louisiana Clean Diesel Grant Program projects include: Public/school buses exhaust retrofits; Heavy/Medium truck idle reductions; Fleet and construction equipment upgrade/replacement; and Marine/Locomotive engine repowers.

The funding is available to a regional, state, local or tribal agency or port authority with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality issues. Nonprofit organization or institutions that represent or provide educational or air pollution reduction services to privately owned or operated diesel fleets are also eligible to apply for funding. Funding cannot be awarded directly to private (for-profit) groups. However, funding may be used to pay private groups that compete for the projects awarded grants (sub-awards) or that partner with an eligible entity. For example, a port authority may be awarded funding to competitively bid the upgrading of their diesel engine equipment or a school district that partners with a private school bus company may receive funding to retrofit the private bus fleet.

For more information about the program please visit the LDEQ Stimulus Package Information website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/> or contact Gilberto Cuadra at (225) 219-3507 or e-mail him at Gilberto.cuadra@la.gov

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